

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF JANUARY 11TH, 1933.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, on Wednesday, January 11th, 1933.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.

Doctor George G. Finney, President of the Board of the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls, Mr. Henry P. Hopkins, Architect, and Mr. Davis, of the Davis Construction Company, appeared before the Board in connection with the erection of new cottages for the Institution, and for other work to be done in connection therewith. Doctor Finney outlined to the Board of Public Works the plans prepared by Mr. Hopkins for the erection of two new cottages, the remodeling of the present farm house on the property, the plans for sewerage and water supply etc., and submitted to the Board a statement covering the money involved in the work as follows:

COST
of
MARYLAND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR COLORED GIRLS
GLENBURNIE, MD.

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Bond Issue.....\$150,000.00

Property.....	\$17,315.72	
Well No. 1.....	1,200.00	
Well No. 2.....	1,500.75	
Sewerage & Water		
Supply.....	23,157.25	
Buildings.....	99,490.00	
Survey.....	600.00	
Advertising.....	57.15	
Architect's Fee.....	6,008.65	\$149,329.52

Balance.....\$ 670.48

December 22, 1932.

Dr. Finney also submitted a tabulation of the estimates received from eighteen contractors for the work as outlined in the plans and specifications prepared by Mr. Hopkins, showing the Davis Construction Company to be the lowest bidder, and in accordance with the recommendation of Doctor Finney, as President of the Board, and Mr. Hopkins, Architect, the Board of Public Works approved the making of the contract with the Davis Construction Company for the work in the sum of \$99,490.00.

The Board of Public Works authorized the Institution to proceed with the sewerage and water system necessary for the new Institution under the supervision of the State Department of Health.

The Board also authorized the payment of bills for advertising and surveying, as enumerated in the statement presented.

The following letters of October 14th and December 13th, 1932 from Mr. F. W. Besley, State Forester, were read and considered:

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

October 14th, 1932.

Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

Approval for the purchase of the three following described tracts of land is requested:

1. A tract of approximately 100 acres, bordering the Cedarville Forest in Charles County, now owned by the heirs of J.E. Miles and offered at \$3. per acre.
2. A tract of approximately 100 acres, bordering the Doncaster Forest in Charles County, now owned by Senator Walter J. Mitchell and offered at \$4. per acre. This land is similar to that of the Doncaster Forest and offered at the same price as paid for the Doncaster tract.

3. A tract of 86 acres, situated at New Germany, which is the present headquarters for the administration of the Savage River Forest of 16,000 acres. The tract is improved by a six acre lake, a dwelling house, and two other small buildings. It is mainly forest land, bordering the Savage River Forest, and gives an important connection to the county road along Poplar Lick Run through a small piece of virgin pine forest. It is an ideal location for administration headquarters for this forest, and the existence of a lake adds immeasurably to its recreational value. It is owned by Phillip and Michael McAndrews and offered for \$2,750. It is a real bargain.

These three tracts all border our existing state forests, have been examined carefully by the Forestry Department and found suitable for the purpose and especially desirable. The first two are not only needed to round out the forest boundaries, but are offered at the same price or less than was paid for the original forest purchases. The third tract, which contains a house and other buildings, is especially desirable for headquarters for the Resident Warden of the Savage River Forest as it is near the center of the Forest, at the junction of four roads, and is very valuable property for us to acquire.

The Board of Regents, University of Maryland, has approved the purchase of these three tracts, for which funds are available in the Forest Reserve Fund. Since we have only a very limited option on these tracts, early action is requested. If any further information is desired I shall be very glad to furnish it if possible.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Besley.
State Forester.

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

December 13, 1932.

Mr. J.O. McCusker, Secretary,
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

Reference is made to my letter directed to the Board of Public Works under date of October 14, requesting approval for the purchase of three tracts of land therein described. You replied under date of October 18 that we might expect action in a week or ten days; this apparently has been overlooked.

In addition to these three tracts, I should like to add another containing ten acres, at \$1.75 per acre, owned by Henry F.

Harrison and situated in the Green Ridge State Forest area, which is very desirable in consolidating the forest.

All of these tracts are highly desirable for State Forests, have been carefully examined, their purchase has been approved by the Board of Regents, University of Maryland, properties have been surveyed, and titles approved by the Attorney-General. We are anxious to close up the matter immediately. In the case of Tract No. 3, payment has been made by the Comptroller at our urgent request, because of the limit of the option and the importance of acquiring a very desirable property at low cost at an opportune time.

In view of the lapse of time since the request was made to the Board of Public Works, the full approval of the Board of Regents and the Law Department, the fact that the deeds are ready for execution, and the persons to whom payment is to be made are anxious for settlement, would it not be possible to have the checks made out at the present time with subsequent confirmation by the Board of Public Works, that is, if a delay of more than four or five days will be involved. If this can be done, please have State Treasurer checks sent to me as follows: \$300. payable to the order of Edward M. Miles, Mary E. Finney and Anna L. Osborn, for 100 acres of land in Charles County at \$3. per acre; \$400. payable to Walter J. Mitchell, for 100 acres of land at \$4. per acre, in Charles County; \$17.50 payable to Henry F. Harrison for 10 acres of land in Allegany County, all these items to be charged to the Forest Reserve Fund which is available for making land purchases for State Forests.

Awaiting an early reply, I am

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Besley.
State Forester.

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The Board granted the authority requested by Mr. Besley for the purchase of the land described in the foregoing letters.

The following letter from Mr. Clarence A. Tucker, Treasurer, Montrose School for Girls, was read and considered:

MONTROSE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

December 8, 1932.

Mr. J.O. McCusker,
Comptrollers Office,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

The Architect feels that it is now safe to go ahead and paint the concrete ceiling in our new cottage with two coats of cold water paint but does not think we should do anything with any walls or with the ceiling of our school building for several months.

We have received the following bids for the painting of the concrete ceiling of the cottage:

E.L.M. Fishpaw	\$158.00
John T. Hazard	170.00
Samuel H. Horn	180.00

This work should be done under the coordination and supervision of the general contractor and he will charge the usual commission of 10%.

We should like to have the approval of the Board of Public Works for the awarding of this contract to Mr. Fishpaw, the lowest bidder.

We are having bids secured for the walks, etc. and will probably be in a position to submit same in a short while. Mr. May, the architect, suggested that with reference to the roads, we have the State Roads Commission do that work. We are enclosing herewith copy of estimate which the writer received from Mr. D. P. Campbell, the engineer of the Commission, located in the Towson District. The writer does not think that the estimate respecting the widening of the road in front of the mansion, amounting to \$75.00, comes within our construction loan, but that the rest of the items do, as they concern merely the extension of the road that now runs past our new school building to the new cottage building, and the so-called parking space in the estimate is simply a provision for the turning of motor vehicles when they get to the cottage, so that they may return by the same road by which they came, and the only road which leads to the cottage. If this work is done by the State Roads Commission we believe they will maintain the same without any additional cost to us.

I should like the authority of the Board to give this work to the State Roads Commission, as I do not believe that under any circumstances can we get it done at a better price.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Clarence A. Tucker.
Treasurer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
STATE OF MARYLAND

STATE ROADS COMMISSION
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
BALTIMORE MD.

D.P. Campbell
District Engineer.

Office of District Engineer.
Towson, Md.

November 30, 1932.

Mr. Clarence A. Tucker,
Chairman, Building Committee,
Montrose School for Girls,
1418 Fidelity Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Tucker:

I am giving below the estimated costs of
the different items mentioned in my letter of November 22nd.

Widening in front of Mansion - 5' x 110' -	\$75.00
Build new road to new cottage - 325' x 10' -	390.00
Build apron on side of new cottage - 50' x 10' -	75.00
Build parking space near new	
cottage - 50' x 50' -	390.00
25 cu. yds. of excavation @ \$1. per cu.yd. -	25.00
18' of 24" C.M. Pipe	45.00
Total -	1,000.00

Yours very truly,

/s/ D.P. Campbell
District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
STATE OF MARYLAND

STATE ROADS COMMISSION
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
BALTIMORE MD.

D.P. Cambell,
District Engineer.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT ENGINEER
TOWSON MD.

December 1st, 1932.

Mr. Clarence A. Tucker,
Chairman, Building Committee,
Montrose School for Girls,
1418 Fidelity Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to my letter of November 22nd, and your letter of November 28th, I beg to advise that the apron along the side of the new cottage is merely an extension of the road along a certain side of the new cottage which was requested by Mr. May. We call an apron any extension or projection along our road which is more than the standard width either for parking purposes or any other purpose. It is in reality the road surfacing of certain dimensions.

Very truly yours,

/s/ D.P. Campbell

District Engineer.

DPC:EVB

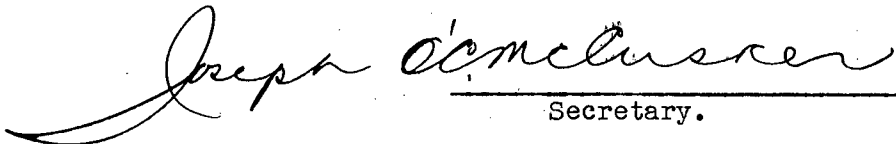
The Board authorized the painting of the concrete ceiling of the cottage by E.L.M. Fishpaw, for \$158.00, and the road work as outlined in the letter of D. P. Campbell, District Engineer of the State Roads Commission, under date of November 30th, 1932, to Mr. Tucker, in the amount of \$1,000.00.

The Board considered a request from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles that he be authorized to charge from his accounts as uncollectible, an item of \$10.00 due from Magistrate W. H. Johnson, deceased, Chesapeake City, Maryland.

The authority requested was granted.

The Board authorized the payment of bills of J. F. Johnson Lumber Company, in the amount of \$49.26, S. E. Cadle, in the amount of \$45.00 and Ellers and Freeman, in the amount of \$30.25, for work of dividing one of the rooms in the basement of the State House for use of the Claims Committee, the room formerly occupied in the Court of Appeals Building by the Committee having been taken over by the State Treasurer for work of his office.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.